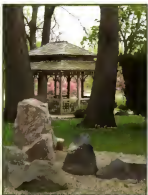




Many people find this an idyllic spot for weddings, small ceremonies, and photo shoots.

To help us care for this beautiful place, we charge \$75 per hour for weddings or ceremonies and \$30 per hour for photo sessions.



Seasons and Hours

- Gardens and Tea House open April - October, Tuesday - Saturday 12:00-4:00 PM.
- Tea ceremony presented on the 2nd Saturday of each month year round.
- Strolling garden and tea house are accessible for all visitors.



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Directions: Located just north of M-46 at the corner of Ezra Rust Drive and S. Washington Ave. (See our website for map. Or call for a mailed copy.)

The Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw, Inc., is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is proud to implement our mission.

Volunteers are always needed to care for our gardens. You can adopt a particular garden element as your own.

We offer occasional classes in traditional Japanese arts including language tutoring, origami, bonsai, and calligraphy.

Our work is dependent on the gracious giving of donors. Also, keep us in mind in your estate planning. We honor the traditional virtue of longevity and our endowment fund will nurture us for another fifty or hundred years.



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Welcome to our strolling garden. Its gate opened in 1971 as designed by Mr. Yataro Suzue.

He stated then: "beauty is not trickery, not illusion... but arranging elements like trees, water, and rocks in a way that there is no crowding, no competition for attention."





Our three-acre garden slopes gently to the shore of Lake Linton. It is a quiet, safe haven to view weeping cherry trees, authentic stone lanterns, hand crafted bamboo gates, an Asian-inspired gazebo, and an arching vermillion bridge over a winding stream. You may explore the gardens on your own, free of charge.



Traditional Tea Ceremony (Chanoyu)

\$8/person. Celebrants wear traditional kimono as they perform this 400 year old ritual of serving tea. You can ask questions, take photographs, and enjoy the authentic whisked tea and sweets served in the ceremony itself.

Tea ceremonies are presented on the second Saturday of each month at 2 PM throughout the year. Or call for a private ceremony scheduled especially for your group.

Tea & Tour

\$3/person. Our trained docent explains the tea ceremony as well as how Japanese hand tools were employed to construct a sukiya (rustic) structure. You are served green tea and sweets, all traditionally and beautifully presented.



Our form of tea ceremony dates back in an unbroken lineage to 1600 A.D. Celebrants glide and kneel on the tatami (reed) mats in a disciplined manner that is simple and attractive, with no wasted motion. Performing the tea ceremony fulfills our mission: "to promote intercultural understanding and peace through a bowl of tea."



The Tea House - **Awa Saginaw An** - was designed by renowned architect Mr. Tsutomu Takenaka and constructed in 1985 as a collaborative effort between the City of Saginaw and its sister city Tokushima, Japan. Its foundation rests part on American soil and part on Japanese soil. It is treasured as one of the most authentic tea houses in North America.

